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In re Patent Application of

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THE CENTRALIZED COLLECTION
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2002, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), are filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claim 10, without disclaimer of or prejudice to the subject matter thereof.

Kindly rewrite Claims 1, 11, 23, 25, 28, and 29, and add Claims 30-32, as follows:

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